

COMPANIES TRIBUNAL

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN 2020/2021 – 2022/2023

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Executive Authority's Statement

The Public Finance Management Act requires that every public entity prepares a Strategic Plan setting out the overall strategy for the 5-year period covering the state's Medium-term Strategic Framework (MTSF). Every year an Annual Performance Plan (APP) is prepared, which converts the overall strategy to key annual targets. These documents are then provided for approval by the Executive Authority and budgets are aligned to these plans.

The **Companies Tribunal** has prepared its **Annual Performance Plan 2021/2022 – 2014/2025**, which I now submit to Parliament as required by the legislation.

This is the first **Annual Performance Plan** prepared in the 6th Administration by the **Tribunal**. I have requested that all entities' Strategic Plans and Annual Performance Plans be aligned to the MTSF, which incorporates the work to develop and implement National Sector Masterplans, as well as trade reforms, investment and transformation work of the Department.

Once the revised MTSF has been signed off, we will review the Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan of the entity and align them accordingly. The Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan may further be aligned to Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both during the period of national disaster declared by President Ramaphosa, and thereafter as we adapt to the new economic reality. Should adjustments be made, the revised Plan will be submitted to Parliament.

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MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE, INDUSTY AND COMPETITION



Accounting Authority's Statement

It is a pleasure to present the 2020/21-2022/2023 Annual Performance Plan (APP) for the Companies Tribunal (the Tribunal). The APP sets out a three-year plan for the Tribunal to deliver on its mandate and realize its new vision of being "the preferred adjudicatory and alternative dispute resolution forum" that contributes to the promotion of fair and ethical corporate practices.

The Tribunal's APP is informed by the values and founding provisions of the Constitution, and the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008 (the Act). It is further informed by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's (**the dtic**'s) strategic objective of creating a fair regulatory environment that enables investment, trade and enterprise development in an equitable and socially responsible manner. The APP is further informed by the six priorities of the new Sixth Administration particularly the six focus areas in the trade, industry and competition portfolio, within which the Tribunal resides.

The mandate of the Tribunal remains two-fold: adjudication and resolution of disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The Tribunal may also perform any other functions assigned to it in terms of the Act or any laws mentioned in Schedule 4 of the Act. In an environment characterised by a difficult economic climate, the use of ADR as a preferred mode of resolving company disputes is expected to rise over the next 5 years. ADR saves costs usually associated with litigation.

The Tribunal's plans are well aligned to the above-stated mandate and ready for execution. Major challenges that may impact negatively on the Tribunal's ability to deliver include limited funding and as a direct consequence of this, the inability to fully market the institution, to grow the caseload and fully capacitate the institution as per the approved structure. Unless a solution is found urgently to this challenge, the Tribunal's ability to execute its mandate will be limited.

During the 2019/2020 and previous financial years, the Tribunal operated on a deficit and used approved surplus to augment the shortfall. The said surplus will no longer be available from the financial year 2020/2021. The Tribunal has engaged all the necessary stakeholders in this matter remains optimistic.

Dr Mohamed Alli Chicktay

Chairperson: Companies Tribunal



Accounting Officer's Statement

The Companies Tribunal (the Tribunal) was established to increase access by companies, to the justice system, through efficient adjudication and resolution of disputes through appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms (ADR). The targeted beneficiaries of the Tribunal include the start-ups, small to medium companies and companies in financial distress who cannot afford the fees associated with protracted litigation. The Tribunal offers an expeditious and cost-free mechanism of resolving companies' disputes. This impacts positively on the economy of the country as it saves costs associated with lost productivity and legal fees. The decisions of the Tribunal are part of South Africa's jurisprudence. Information on the Tribunals decisions are easily available on the Tribunal's website. This is a contribution to the fourth industrial revolution and further makes South African an attractive investment destination.

The types of applications that the Tribunal can consider include name and directorship disputes, review of compliance notices issued by CIPC, application to hold annual general meetings (AGMs), an extension of time to hold an AGM as well as applications for exemption from establishing social and ethics committees. The Tribunal's case load is expected to increase over the MTEF because the envisaged amendments to the Companies Act are expected to increase the powers of the Tribunal.

The Tribunal will be embarking on a robust campaign using both electronic and print media to raise awareness about the workings of the Tribunal. Stakeholders such as business chambers, law societies and municipalities will be engaged with a view of forming strategic partnerships to disseminate information about the Tribunal throughout the country. The Tribunal's organisational structure was reviewed to address some of the deficiencies identified in the original structure approved. The structure is only partly filled as the Tribunal is under-funded. The new automated case management system launched on 1st August 2019 is expected to improve efficiency in the management of cases.

Providing that the challenges well-articulated by the Chairperson of the Tribunal are addressed, I am confident that the Tribunal will deliver on its mandate and thus contribute to the realisation of a fair and ethical corporate environment.

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Chief Operations Officer: Companies Tribunal

Official Sign-Off

It is hereby certified that this Annual Performance Plan:

- Was developed by the management of the Companies Tribunal under the guidance of Dr Mohamed Alli Chicktay
- Considered all the relevant policies, legislation and other mandates for which the Companies Tribunal is responsible
- Accurately reflects the Impact, Outcomes and Outputs which the Companies Tribunal will endeavour to achieve over the period 2020/21 to 2022/23.

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Chief Financial Officer

'Maletlatsa Monica Ledingwane Accounting Officer

Approved by:

Accounting Authority Dr Alli Chicktay

Part A: Our Mandate

1. Relevant legislative and policy mandates

The Companies Tribunal is established in terms of the Companies Act, Act No. 71 of 2008, as a juristic person. In terms of the Act, the Tribunal has jurisdiction throughout the Republic. It is independent and subject only to the Constitution and law.

In terms of the Companies Act, the Companies Tribunal's mandate is to:

- Adjudicate in relation to any application that may be made to it in terms of the Act and make any order provided for in the Act in respect of any such application.
- b) Assist in the resolution of disputes as contemplated in part C of Chapter 7 of the Act.
- c) Perform any other function assigned to it by or in terms of the Act or any law in Schedule 4.

In delivering on this mandate the Companies Tribunal is expected to exercise and perform its functions in line with the spirit, purpose and objects of the Constitution, International Law and Companies Act, and in a manner which is simple, ethical, efficient, equitable, transparent, accountable, impartial and without fear, favour or prejudice.

2. Institutional Policies and Strategies

To ensure proper Governance, the Tribunal has a recorded number of 46 policies in various units (functional areas). The 46 policies referred to above are listed on a Policy Schedule that the Tribunal maintains for control and review purposes. In addition to the 46 policies mentioned above, the Tribunal has various other plans and registers.

3. Relevant Court Rulings

The Tribunal will on a regular basis analyse recent key decisions of the High Court and Constitutional Court and evaluate the potential impact on its mandate and functions.

Part B: Our Strategic Focus

4. Situational Analysis

4.1.1 External Environment Analysis

Political Economic Social Technology Legal Environment (PESTLE)

POLITICAL	ECONOMIC
Perception of political alignment on decision-making	Business fronting
or being non-partisan	
Change of administration	
SOCIAL	TECHNOLOGICAL
Limited access to the Tribunal (by the public)	Limited access to technology by the public
Low literacy rate	
Language diversity	
Limited public awareness of the Tribunal	
Misconception about Tribunal jurisdiction	
LEGAL	ENVIRONMENTAL
Limited jurisdiction to meet public expectations	Geographical location
Inconsistencies in Tribunal members' decisions	
Unenforceability of some decisions	

4.1.2 Internal Environment Analysis Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
Strong institutional values and ethics	No professional, equipped hearing rooms
Founding legislation (mandate)	Limited parking space
Skills, knowledge and expertise of staff and Tribunal Members	External dependencies (e.g. Internal Audit function and IT infrastructure outsourced)
Systems, procedures and policies in place	Limited budget to carry out mandate, marketing and fill vacancies
Independence and impartiality	Limited jurisdiction of Companies Tribunal
Good corporate governanceGood financial management	Limited foot-print (No provincial offices)
IT infrastructure in place	Inconsistencies in the Tribunal members' decisions
	Unenforceability of some decisions
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS

- Increasing access through technology usage case Staff turnover management system online, video conferencing for hearings) Benchmarking on best practice models from bodies similar entities
 - Case backlog (potential)
 - Competition from other alternative dispute resolution
 - The voluntary nature of ADR
 - Contribution to research, jurisprudence and the development of company law
 - Technology systems and processes to improve efficiency
 - Increasing referrals from the CIPC, TRP, B-BBEE Commission and other Tribunals and the judiciary

4.1.3 External Environment Analysis Political Economic Social Technology Legal Environment (PESTLE) – interventions

POLITICAL	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
Perception of political alignment and non-partisan on decision-making	Training and open discussions Compliance to institutional values
Change of administration	Change Management
ECONOMIC	
Business fronting	Training and upfront discussions
SOCIAL	
Limited access to the Tribunal (by the public)	Holding hearings in areas convenient to parties
Low literacy rate	Help line and help desk
Language diversity	Publish CT documents in various languages Diversify employment and staff linguistic ability
Limited public awareness of the Tribunal	Education and stakeholder management
Misconception about Tribunal jurisdiction	Education and stakeholder management
TECHNOLOGY	
Limited access to technology by the public	Use of free Wi-Fi-hot spot to access Tribunals' services
LEGAL	
Limited jurisdiction to meet public expectations	Legislative amendment of Companies Act Increase mandates through other legislation
Inconsistencies in the Tribunal members' decisions	Training /internal discussion/decisiveness Judicial precedent (reasons for conflicting members decisions)
Unenforceability of some decisions	TrainingWorkshops
ENVIRONMENTAL	
Geographical location	Temporary CT centres for outreach

4.1.4 Internal Environment Analysis Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) - interventions

WEAKNESSES	POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS				
No professional, equipped hearing rooms	Re-partition existing space				
Limited parking space	Continue current arrangement for staff				
External dependencies (e.g. Internal Audit function and IT infrastructure outsourced)	Better management of the MOUs				
Limited budget to carry out mandate, marketing and fill vacancies	Continued engagements with the dtic /Treasury				
Limited foot-print (no provincial offices)	Make use of partnerships				
Limited jurisdiction of Companies Tribunal	Proposed amendments Take the services outside Tribunal services				
The voluntary nature of ADR	Amendment of the Act				
Inconsistencies in the Tribunal members' decisions	Training/discussion/decisiveness				
Unenforceability of some decisions	TrainingWorkshops				
THREATS					
Staff turnover	Staff engagements and use of the existing incentives				
Potential backlog	Use of temporary/contract staff for relief				
Competition from other dispute resolution bodies	Sharing of best practice				

Part C: Measuring Our Performance

5. Institutional Programme Performance Information

5.1 Programme: Adjudication

5.1.1 Purpose of the programme

The purpose of the programme is to adjudicate and make orders in relation to applications made in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 as well as to facilitate the resolution of company disputes in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Members of the Tribunal are appointed by the Minister of Trade and Industry to adjudicate applications based on the papers filled by the Tribunal. Where necessary, hearings are held, depending on the nature of the case.

5.1.1.1 Outcomes, Outputs, Performance Indicators and Targets

Outcome	Outputs	Output indicators	Annual Targets							
			Audited a	Audited actual/ performance			MTEF Period			
			2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/ 20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	
1.	1.1 Increased number of new applications	A percentage of the increase in the number of new applications received Percentage of decisions and	N/A (New)	N/A (New)	N/A (New)	N/A (New)	90% (270) 93%	93% (292)	95% (328) 95%	
access ¹ to the justice system	1.2 Adjudicated applications	orders issued ² within 40 working days after the final date of the hearing ³ or final submission by parties, whichever is applicable								
		Percentage of decisions and orders issued within 30 days after the date of allocation ⁴ or final submission by parties whichever is applicable	98%	96%	93%	90%	93%	93%	95%	
	1.3 Resolved disputes	Percentage of cases finalised ⁵ in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within 25 working days after the date of final hearing or final submission by parties whichever is applicable	79%	100%	100%	90%	90%	95%	95%	

Improved access means simple, speedy and cost- effective decisions delivered within the stipulated turnaround time
 Decisions and orders issued are as prescribed by the Companies Act, 2008. Issued means formal communication of the decision and order to the client
 Final date of hearing refers to the last day of a hearing of a matter of a Tribunal sitting
 Date of allocation refers to the date of sending an e-mail allocating a case to a Tribunal Member
 Finalized refers to decision making and issuing of failed certificates, withdrawals and cancellations

5.1.1.2 Indicators, Annual and Quarterly Targets

Output Indicator		Quarterly	Milestones		
	Annual	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	Target	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
A percentage of the increase in the number of new applications received	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
Percentage of decisions and orders issued within 40 working days after the	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
final date of the hearing or final submission by parties, whichever is applicable					
Percentage of decisions and orders issued within 30 working days after the	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
date of allocation or final submission by parties whichever is applicable					
Percentage of cases finalized in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
within 25 working days after the date of final hearing or final submission by					
parties whichever is applicable					

5.2 Programme 2: Administration

5.2.1 Purpose of the programme

The purpose of the programme is to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness as well as effective stakeholder engagement. The Programme further aims to efficiently support and manage the operations by ensuring that there is proper Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology, Knowledge Management, Stakeholder Management and Legal Services.

5.2.1.2 Outcome, Outputs, Performance Indicators and targets

Outcome	Outputs	Output Indicators	Audited Actual Performance Estimated Medium Term Targ						
			2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
2. Operational	2.1 Increased user uptake of the Case Management System (CMS)	applicants applying online	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50%	60%	70%
Efficiency	2.2 Research reports or rules or guidelines	Number of research reports or rules or guidelines produced or reviewed and approved	One (1) research report on the impact and effectiveness of the CT in delivering on its mandate produced	Code of Conduct and Ethics for mediators was produced earlier than targeted period	Arbitration Rules and Adjudication rules for CT were produced earlier than targeted period	One research report on assessing the value of Social and Ethics Committees as stipulated in Section 72 (5)	One research report on legislative gaps in implementing the Tribunal's mandate: A case for further amendments	One research report on functions that can be assigned to CT under Schedule 4 of the Act	One research report on the impact of the amendment s to the Act on the work of CT
	2.3 Staff retention	Percentage of staff retained	93%	93%	92%	85%	85%	85%	85%
	2.4 Stakeholder engagements	Number of seminars held	Hosted three seminars on: (1) Corporate Governance, Business Ethics and Social and	Hosted a seminar on name disputes	Hosted a seminar on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	Host a seminar on the impact of the Tribunal's mandate	Host a seminar on legislative gaps in implementing the Tribunal's mandate: A case for	Host a seminar on functions that can be assigned to CT under Schedule 4 of the Act	Host a seminar on the impact of the amendments to the Act on the work of CT

Number of media engagements (media statements)	Ethics Committee (2) Company Law (3) the role of CT Released two (2) media statements	Released two (2) media statements	Released three (3) media statements	Release two (2) media statements	further amendments Release two (2) media statements	Release two (2) media statements	Release two (2) media statements
Number of media engagements (radio activities)	Held eleven (11) interviews comprising: 2 x radio interviews (Emalahleni and Nanda stations) and 9 x live reads aired on SA FM, Ukhozi FM, Lesedi FM, Groot FM, Jozi FM, Soshanguve community radio, Mosupatsela FM, Bay FM, Radio Teemaneng	Participated in two (2) radio interviews (radio advert)	Live reads were aired on the following stations: Munghana Lonene FM, Ikwekwezi FM, East Coast Radio and Radio 702	Participate in two (2) radio activities (radio advert)	Participate in two (2) radio activities (radio advert)	Participate in two (2) radio activities (radio advert)	Participate in two (2) radio activities (radio advert)

		Participated in	Participated	Participated in	Participate in 8	Participate in 8	Participate	Participate
		12 outreaches	in 8	11	outreaches or	outreaches or	in 8	in 8
		or exhibitions	outreaches or	outreaches or	exhibitions	exhibitions	outreaches	outreaches
		targeting	exhibitions	exhibitions	targeting	targeting	or	or
		business	targeting	targeting	businesses,	businesses,	exhibitions	exhibitions
		people,	businesses,	businesses,	associations,	associations,	targeting	targeting
		aspiring	associations,	associations,	the public,	the public,	businesses,	business association
	Number of	business	the public,	the public,	legal fraternity	legal fraternity	associations,	s, the
	participations ⁶	people and	legal	legal fraternity	and academia	and academia	the public,	public, legal
	in outreaches	the youth in	fraternity and	and academia	in following	in following	legal	fraternity
	or exhibitions	the following	academia in	in following	districts:	districts:	fraternity &	and
	or oxinibilione	areas:	the following	districts:	diotrioto.	diotrioto.	academia in	academia in
		a.oao.	districts:		1.	1. Tshwane,	following	the following
		1. Kimberley	1. Jhb Stock	1. Capricorn	Johannesburg,	GP	districts:	districts:
		2.	Exchange	District, LP	GP	2. Mopani, LP	1.	aloti loto.
		Bloemfontein	2. Institute of	•	2. Waterberg, L	3. Amajuba,	Nkangala,	
		3. Port	Directors SA	_	3. Mangaung,	KZN	MP	<u>1.</u>
		Elizabeth	3.		FS 4.	4. Gert	2.	Ehlanzeni, MP
		4.	Independent	3. Eden	Zululand, KZN	Sibande, MP	Sekhukhun	2. Vhembe,
		Potchefstroom	Regulatory	District, WC	5. Thabo	5. Namakwa,	e LP	LP
		5. Mogale City	Board for	4. Ehlanzeni	Mofutsanyane,	NC	3. Bojanala	3. Tshwane,
		6. Emalahleni	Auditors	District in	FS	6. Ngaka	Platinum,	GP
		7. Richards	4. SA Institute	Nkomazi	6. Buffalo City,	Modiri	NW	4.
		Bay	of Chartered		EC	Molema, NW	4.	Ethekwini,
		8. Mahikeng	Accountants	MP	7. Amathole,	7. Cape	Ekurhuleni,	KZN 5. Cape
		9. Klerksdorp	5. SA Judicial	5. O.R.	EC	Winelands, WC	GP 5. N.	Town, WC
		10.	Education	Tambo	8. King	8. Chris Hani,	Mandela	6.
		Rustenburg	Institute	District, EC	Cetshwayo,	EC	Bay, EC	Mangaung,
		11.	6. Law	6. uMgungun-	KZN		6.	FS
		Thembesihle	Society SA	dlovu District,			Lejweleputs	7.
		Hani	7. Law	KZN			waFS	Capricorn, LP
		12. Hope	Society	7. uGu				8. Francis
		Town		District, KZN				Baard, NC

 $^{^6}$ Participation means either sponsoring or presenting at an outreach or exhibition event of a stakeholder Companies Tribunal APP-2020/2021 to 2022/2023

	Northern Provinces 8. National Small Business Chamber (NSBC)	8. Pixley Ka Seme District, NC 9. Central Karoo, NC 10. ZF Mgcawu District in Kakamas and Augrabies 11.Fort Hare (Guest Lectures)	7. King Cetshwayo, KZN 8. Cape Town, WC
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5.2.1.3 Indicators, Annual and Quarterly Targets

Performance Indicator/	2020/2021	Quarterly Milestones					
Measure	Annual Target	1 st Quarter 2 nd Quarter		3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter		
Case Management System (CMS) user uptake	Percentage of user uptake	50%	50%	50%	50%		
	One research report on	Draft research	Consultation	Consolidation	Approval on		
Number of research reports or	legislative gaps in	Report	on the	on the	the research		
rules, or guidelines	implementing the		research	research	report		
produced/reviewed and	Tribunals mandate: A		report	report			
approved	case for further						
	amendments.						
Percentage of staff retained	85%	85%	85%	85%	85%		
	Host a seminar on	Draft a detailed	Incorporate	Confirm	Host the		
	legislative gaps in	proposal and	inputs and	logistical	seminar		
Number of seminars hosted	implementing the	consult	obtain	arrangement			
Number of Seminars hosted	Tribunals mandate: A		approval for	s and invite			
	case for further		the proposal	stakeholders			
	amendments.						
	Release two media	Release one	Participate in	Release one	Participate in		
Number of media activities	statements	media	one radio	media	one radio		
(statements and radio		statement	activity	statement	activity		
activities)	Participate in two radio						
	activities						

Performance Indicator/	2020/2021 Annual Target	Quarterly Milestones				
Measure		1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	
Number of participations in outreach and/or exhibitions	Participate in 8 outreach and/or exhibitions targeting the following: businesses, associations, the public, legal fraternity and academia in the following districts: 1. Tshwane, GP 2. Mopani, LP 3. Amajuba, KZN 4. Gert Sibande, MP 5. Namakwa, NC 6. Ngaka Modiri Molema, NW 7. Cape Winelands, WC 8. Chris Hani, EC	Two	Two	Two	Two	

6. Explanation of planned performance over the medium-term period

6.1 Contribution of outputs towards achieving the outcomes and impact in the Strategic Plan aligned to the Mandate:

6.1.1 Outcome 1: Access to simple, speedy and cost-effective justice system

a) Increased number of new applications received

The goal of the Tribunal is to ensure that many companies, particularly women-owned, small to medium and companies in financial distress make use of the services of the Tribunal. An increase in the number of new applications, especially those from these stated groups will contribute to the achievement of the Tribunal's mandate and further advance economic transformation and inclusiveness.

b) The number of applications adjudicated within the turn round times

The Tribunal adjudicates on applications at no charge to the parties. The targeted beneficiaries of this output include the start-ups, small to medium companies and companies in financial distress who cannot afford the fees associated with protracted litigation. This means that even the applicants that would normally be excluded from litigation by the high prohibitive costs of a normal court litigation are able to lodge cases at the Tribunal. Small companies can take on big companies in litigation. The affordability of the Tribunal's services has an impact on economic inclusion and transformation. Furthermore, the Tribunal's targeted maximum turnaround time is 40 days. Very few applications exceed this period. In the ordinary courts, cases may take months on the roll and years before coming before the court. Hence the Tribunal services offer an affordable and quicker option from normal litigation that may cripple a business both financially and operationally. With the Tribunal, Companies can initiate litigation and remain sustainable and competitive. This ensures achievement of the impacts stated in the Strategic Plan of economic inclusion, transformation and making South Africa an attractive investment destination.

b) The number of disputes-applications resolved within the turn round times

The same benefits of cost and time efficiency offered by the output of adjudicated applications are applicable to the output of resolved disputes. In addition, the turn-around time for resolution of disputes is 25 days which makes it even shorter than that of adjudicated applications. Further benefits of dispute resolution through appropriate dispute resolution (ADR) are that it is informal and confidential, more flexible and responsive to the individual needs of the parties involved. Parties have a chance to tell their story as they see it, and the parties' involvement in the process creates greater commitment to the result so that compliance is more likely. Through ADR, it is more likely to preserve goodwill or at least not escalate the conflict. This is especially important in situations where there is a continuing relationship as with companies in business. Clearly ADR contributes to economic inclusivity and to making South Africa an attractive environment for both local and international investment. In offering an expeditious and cost-free mechanism of resolving company disputes, the Tribunal saves costs associated with lost productivity and legal fees and as such increases access to justice and impacts positively on South African economy.

6.1.2. Outcome 2: Operational Efficiency

(a) Increased user uptake of Case Management System

To achieve operational efficiency, the Tribunal implemented the electronic case management system (CMS) as of 1st August 2019. Post implementation, the targeted output of the Tribunal is to increase user uptake. The benefits of CMS include an effective performance management (improved turnaround time for completion of cases), interfacing of administration of cases with finance office in order to minimize risk of overpayment on cases, effective records management, production of monthly, quarterly and annual reports and statistics and improved accessibility. As a tool, CMS enhances operational efficiency. It makes the Tribunal a serious player and contributor to the forth industrial revolution and certainly makes South Africa an attractive investment destination. The system further contributes to inclusivity. Irrespective of location, it is now easy for an applicant who has access to internet, computer or a smart device to lodge an application with the Tribunal without incurring travel and other operational costs.

(b) Research Report or Developed Rules or Guidelines

To achieve operational efficiency, the Research Unit of the Tribunal contributes the body of knowledge, it closes knowledge gaps, and creates new knowledge. Research contributes to jurisprudence and precedent. The contribution to South African's jurisprudence also makes South Africa an attractive investment destination. Reports provide quick reference for decision making purposes which in turn leads to consistency and efficiency in decision making. To further improve efficiencies, rules or guidelines are developed and or reviewed. Rules or guidelines help to make the application process easier and quicker for the applicants especially those not assisted by legal practitioners. This output is therefore another contributor to the Tribunal's operational efficiency. It contributes to the fourth industrial revolution, a better South Africa, a better Africa and a better world.

(c) Staff retention

Over the 2019-2020 financial year, the Tribunal has recruited all but one of the funded and vacant positions. To achieve operational efficiency, in the 2020-2021 financial year, the Tribunal intends to focus on staff retention as one of the outputs. The value of an employee increases the longer they stay with an organization. With time, employees' knowledge and experience continue to grow making them important for networking inside and outside the sector. Employees build relationships with other employees and clients. These relationships are vital to the success of an organization. Their skills and organizational memory make it easy to run effective operations. For these reasons, staff retention contributes to the operational efficiency. Operationally efficient organizations are attractive to the investors.

(d) Stakeholder Engagements

The mandate of the Tribunal is to offer adjudication and alternative dispute resolution to companies. It follows that unless companies are aware of the Tribunal's services, are interested and actually use the services, the Tribunal will not achieve its mandate. Creation of public knowledge and interest around the mandate of the institution is therefore critical. From the financial year 2016-2017 to date, the number of applications received by the Tribunal has been on a steady decline. It is believed that the low stakeholder knowledge is a contributor. For this reason, the Tribunal intends to mount a public awareness campaign as part of sustained efforts to educate the public and boost awareness about the Tribunal's mandate. The campaign will be a comprehensive effort that will within the limited budget include multiple components such as seminar discussions, television and radio messaging, social media, grassroots outreach, media relations, government affairs. This output is therefore aimed at enhancing the Tribunals operational efficiency in achieving its mandate.

6.2 Explanation of the planned performance in relation to outputs

a) Adjudicated Applications:

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured by the percentage of decisions and orders issued within 30 or 40 days depending on whether a case is decided on paper only or parties give evidence before the Tribunal. The longest targeted turn-around time for adjudication is 40 days. The planned annual performance in 2020-2021 is 90%. This is intended to increase to 95% in the last year of the MTEF period.

b) Resolved disputes:

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured by the percentage of cases finalized within 25 days in terms of appropriate Dispute resolution (ADR). Thus, the Tribunal planned turn-around time for resolution of disputes is a shorter period than even that of adjudicated applications. The planned annual performance in 2020-2021 is 90%. This is intended to increase over the MTEF Period.

c) Increased user uptake of Case Management System

The Tribunal implemented the electronic case management system (Case Management System) in August 2019. Following the implementation of CMS, the targeted output of the Tribunal is to increase user uptake. The Tribunal's performance will be measured by the percentage of the user uptake as an output indicator. The planned performance for 2020-2021 is 50%. The percentage increased to 95% at the end of the MTEF period. The low base at the beginning of the MTEF is due to the fact that the users are external thus the tribunal will have little control over the output result except through marketing and or stakeholder engagement efforts.

d) Research Report or developed rules or guidelines.

Production or research reports or rule or guidelines is amongst the Tribunal's planned outputs. The Tribunal's performance will be measured by the number of research reports/rules/guidelines produced /reviewed and approved. The number of reports or rules or guidelines produced or reviewed targeted is planned to stay constant over the three years. This is because the unit Research is currently unfunded and unfilled. It is foreseeable that with more funding and better staffing, the output number may change over the three years.

e) Staff retention

During the 2019-2020 financial year, the Tribunal has recruited all but one of the funded and vacant positions. Most of the new recruits are women who also fall within the youth bracket. In 2020-2021 financial year, the Tribunal intends to focus on staff retention. Thus, staff retention is one of the Tribunal's outputs over the three years. Retention strategies will include training of staff from which these young women will benefit.

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured by the percentage of the staff retained. The starting base in 2020-2021 financial year is 85%. This target stays the same over the three years due the Tribunal's under-funding. The under-funding limits the number of retention incentives the Tribunal may offer. The limitations on staff incentives and the anxiety created by the knowledge of limited funding, are likely contributors to the Tribunal's high staff turn-over.

f) Stakeholder engagement

The Tribunal's indicators on this output include hosting one (1) seminar, two (2) media statements, two (2) radio activities, eight (8) participations in outreaches and or exhibitions. This output carries the most amount of activities (indicators) because, as stated above, the since 2016/2017 the number of cases received by the Tribunal has been in decline. Unless the public is aware of the Tribunals services, the Tribunal will not achieve its mandate. Creation of public knowledge and interest around the mandate of the institution is therefore critical.

7. Programme Resource Considerations

7.1 Financial Plan

The grant allocation for the year 2019/20 reflect the estimated amounts allocated on ENE. From the year 2020/21 to 2022/33, the Tribunal based the budget estimate on the allocation letter received from **the dtic**. The funds allocated over the MTEF period are insufficient for the Tribunal to continue as a going concern. There is a need to increase the Tribunal's baseline for it to be able to pay for its operating and administrative expenditure. The spending focus over the MTEF period will be on providing the services as stipulated in the Companies Act, ongoing maintenance of the electronic case management system and ensuring that there are advocacy services to make the services of the Tribunal known to the public.

Over the MTEF period, the Tribunal 's grant allocation is projected to increase from R17,3 million in (2019/20) to R19,9 million in (2022/23). The allocated funds for each financial year are insufficient to meet the operational requirements of the Tribunal and to fill all unfunded posts on the approved organisational structure. The unavailability of funds affects the going concern of the Tribunal.

The Tribunal is exploring options of generating its own revenue through charging filling fees, but this process might take some time to materialise due to extensive consultations and planning required. However, the fees expected to be generated from filling fees would not be enough to fund day to day operational and administrative expenditure of the Tribunal. This process also involves the amendment of the Companies Act.

The Tribunal's major expenditure is on compensation of employees and Tribunal member's fees, with no surplus to fill additional post as approved on the organisational structure. Recruitment of internship to assist with workload and as part of skills development is being utilised. Due to inadequate funding, the amount estimated for member's fees is inadequate as cases are expected to increase hence the funding for fees needs to be increased proportionally.

(i) Projections of revenue and expenditure

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Medium-term estimate		
R thousand	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Revenue		<u>.</u>	<u> </u>				·
Non-tax revenue	1,383	1,259	819	846	110	11	8
Transfers received	15,069	15,822	16,740	17,352	18 227	19 233	19 952
Donations received/Revenue in-kind	1,266	1,393	1,532	1,685			
Income from surplus funds	-	-	-	4,267	-	-	-
Total revenue	17,718	18,474	19,091	24,150	18 337	19 244	19 960
Expenses							
Current expenses							
Compensation of employees							
	11,725	12,333	11,692	13,706	14,978	15,924	17,037
Goods and services							
	8,677	9,102	8,430	10,242	3,359	3,320	2, 923
Depreciation							
	223	302	259	202			
Total expenses							
	20,625	21,737	20,381	24,150	18,337	19,244	19,960
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(2,907)	(3,263)	(1, 290)	-	-	-	-

(ii) Budget Allocation per Programme

Economic classification	Audited outcome			Revised Estimates	Medium-Term Expenditure Estimate		
	2016/17 R '000	2017/18 R '000	2018/19 R '000	2019/20 R '000	2020/21 R '000	2021/22 R '000	2022/23 R '000
Current payment							
Member's fees	3,513	3,117	2,826	3,032	2,675	2,567	2,095
Goods and services	713	849	180	387			
Payments of capital assets Building and other fixed structure Machinery & equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Economic classification	Audited outcome			Revised Estimates	Medium-Term Expenditure Estimate		
	2016/17 R '000	2017/18 R '000	2018/19 R '000	2019/20 R '000	2020/21 R '000	2021/22 R '000	2022/23 R '000
Current payment		•	•	<u>'</u>	<u> </u>	1	
Compensation of employees	11,725	12,333	11,692	13,706	14,978	15,924	17,037
Goods & services, etc.	4,674	5,438	5,683	7,025	684	753	828
Payments of capital assets		,	,		•	1	1
Building and other fixed structure	-	-	-	161	-	-	-
Machinery & equipment	458	1,200	521	758			

8. Key Risks

Outcome	Output Indicator	The Risk	Root causes	Risk Mitigation
	1.1. An increase in the number of new applications received		Limited mandate	Investigative study on the root causes
1. Improved access		Decline in applications	Inconsistency in members decisions	Amendments proposed to the ActExpansion of mandate through other legislation
to the justice system	1.2. The number of applications adjudicated or finalized		Unenforceability of some decisions	TrainingWorkshops
	within the stipulated turn- around times.		Perceptions of bias in decision making	Public engagements
			Delays in decision making /resolutions	Guidelines and consistent consequence management
			Limited marketing	Creative use of affordable marketing toolsPartnering with other relevant stakeholders
	1.3. The number of applications resolved or finalised through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	Voluntary nature of ADR	The Act states that ADR is not compulsory	 Amendments proposed to the Act (make ADR compulsory) Public education of benefits of ADR
2. Operational	2.1Percentage of uptake (use) of the Case Management System	Low uptake on new case management system (CMS)	Resistance to change Limited access to technology	Increased stakeholder education/marketing Use of wi-fi availability
Effectiveness	2.2 Number of research reports or rules produced and approved	Limited funds to fill the position		Increased engagements with the dtic Desk top research
	2.3 Number of stakeholder engagements held	Limited funds to do engagements	Limited funding	Increased engagements with the dtic
	2.4 The percentage of staff retained	Loss of institutional memory		Increased engagements with the dtic Increase non-monetary rewards

9. Materiality and Significance of Framework

9.1 Statutory requirements

In terms of the Treasury Regulation 28.3.1, Accounting Authorities must "for purposes of material [section 55(2) of the Act] and significant [section 54(2) of the Act], develop and agree a framework of acceptable levels of materiality and significance with the relevant executive authority." The Tribunal is required by law to operate within the PFMA and its accompanying Treasury Regulations as a Schedule 3A public entity, the two above-mentioned sections of the Act are therefore very significant for operational and reporting purposes. Materiality and significance levels will be influenced by considerations such as legal and regulatory requirements.

9.2 Assessment and determination of materiality for the Tribunal

The Companies Tribunal has strengthened its control environment. This is evidenced by the fact that the Tribunal has been obtaining the clean audit opinion for the past four financial years. However, there are inherent risks associated with implementation of new unproven process, change in leadership as a result of appointment and resignation and/or retirement of staff and may result in lack of teamwork. The risks must be however discounted by the unqualified audit report obtained by the Tribunal over the past six years and the significance of the related audit findings. This therefore requires the entity to set the threshold at a reasonably conservative level of the Treasury guideline matrix. The following guideline will be applied to the basis selected:

The best indicator with regard to the Tribunal's non-capital-intensive business activity is the higher of revenue or expenditure. For this reason, 0.60% of budgeted expenditure is chosen with regard to this framework, and this basis is consistent with prior years.

9.3 Annual review of materiality

The materiality framework and significance levels will be reviewed each financial year in line with the preparation of the annual performance plan by management based on the levels of risks and the adequacy of the internal controls and accounting systems.

Part D: Technical Indicator Descriptions (TID)

Output 1:					
Increased number of new applications					
1. Indicator title	Increase in the number of new applications received				
2. Short definition	The number of new applications received.				
3. Purpose/importance	Indicate the growth (increase) in the work load of the Institution and the institutions acceptance and or popularity in adjudication and				
	dispute resolution				
4. Source/collection of data	The Case Management System reports or excel spread sheet reports which reflect date of received and distinguishes new applications from the old applications				
5. Method of calculation	The number of new cases received compared to the number of existing cases OR filtering the data in the CMS by desired dates/period.				
6. Data limitations	Incorrect capturing of data				
7. Type of indicator	Quantity /numeric number				
8. Calculation type	Cumulative – it is calculated on a quarterly basis to obtain the annual target				
9. Reporting cycle	Monthly				
10.New indicator	Yes				
11.Desired Performance	Target - performance 90% - 95%				
12.Indicator responsibility	Manager: Registry				

Output 2:	
Applications Adjudicated with	in the turn-around time
13.Indicator title	Percentage of decisions and orders issued within 40 working days after
	the final date of the hearing.
14.Short definition	Percentage of cases resolved within 40 days after the final hearing date
	or final submission by parties, whichever is applicable.
	Final hearing date refers to the last date of hearing of a matter of a
	Tribunal sitting or the last date of submission of documentation
	requested by the Tribunal Member at the final hearing.
	Days refer to working days excluding weekends, public holidays and
A.F. Divining and divining automatic	days on which CT is officially closed.
15.Purpose/importance	The entity shows its efficiency and effectiveness in managing cases and
16.Source/collection of data	the turnaround times to revert to the applicants after the date of hearing.
16.Source/collection of data	Electronic case management system report or Excel spread sheet and reports which reflect date received, date of final hearing, date finalized
	and date of issuing order/decision
17.Method of calculation	The number of decisions and orders issued within 40 working days after
17.Metriod of calculation	the last hearing date divided by the total number of hearings concluded
	and multiply by hundred. The number of hearings concluded where the
	40 working days of issuing a decision or order fall outside the reporting
	period will not be calculated. The number of decisions or orders issued
	after the 40 working days after the last day of the hearing will not be
	counted as percentage achieved but will be counted as total number of
	hearings concluded.
18.Data limitations	Incorrect capturing of data
19.Type of indicator	Quantity – output
20.Calculation type	Cumulative – it is calculated on a quarterly basis to obtain the annual
	target
21.Reporting cycle	Monthly
22.New indicator	No – continuous from the previous financial year
23.Desired performance	Target - performance 90% - 95%
24.Indicator responsibility	Manager: Registry

Output 3:	
Applications Adjudicated with	nin the turn-around time
1. Indicator title	Percentage of decisions and orders issued within 30 days after the date
	of allocation
2. Short definition	Percentage of cases resolved within 30 days after the allocation date.
	Date of allocation refers to the date of sending an e-mail allocating a case to a Tribunal member or the last date of submission of documentation requested by the Tribunal Member within 5 business days of allocation.
	Days refer to working days and exclude weekends, public holidays and days on which CT is officially closed.
3. Purpose/importance	The entity shows its efficiency and effectiveness in managing cases and
	the turnaround times to revert to the applicants after the date the case
	was allocated.
4. Source/collection of data	Electronic case management system report or Excel spread sheet and reports which reflect date received, date allocated, date finalised and date of issuing decision/ order
5. Method of calculation	The number of decisions and orders issued within 30 working days after the date of allocation divided by the total number of allocated cases and multiply by hundred. The number of allocated cases, where the 30 working days of issuing a decision or order fall outside the reporting period will not be calculated. The number of decisions or orders issued after the 30 working days after the last day of the allocation will not be counted as percentage achieved but will be counted as total number of cases allocated.
6. Data limitations	Incorrect capturing of data
7. Type of indicator	Quantity – Output
8. Calculation type	Cumulative – it is calculated on a quarterly basis to obtain the annual target
9. Reporting cycle	Monthly
10.New indicator	No – continuous from the previous financial year
11.Desired performance	Target 98% - 100%
12.Indicator responsibility	Manager: Registry
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Output 4:	
Disputes Applications reso	olved (Alternative Dispute Resolution) within the turn-around time
1. Indicator title	Percentage of cases finalised ⁷ in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution
	(ADR) within 25 working days after the date of final hearing or final
	submission by parties, whichever is applicable
2. Short definition	Percentage of cases finalized in terms of ADR within 25 working days after the date of final hearing or final submission by parties whichever is applicable Hearing refers to a sitting of mediation, conciliation or arbitration as agreed
	by the parties.
	Finalized refers to instances where a certificate of failed ADR has been issued, arbitration award issued, order issued or withdrawal of the matter by the applicant, settlement agreement reached by parties or mediation report issued by the facilitator(s) ⁸ within 25 working days after the date of final hearing.
	Date of final hearing refers to the last day set for mediation, conciliation or arbitration of a matter or the last date of submission of documentation requested by the facilitator at the final hearing from the party/ies Days refer to working days excluding the holidays, weekends and days on which the CT is officially closed.
3. Purpose/	The entity shows its effectiveness in terms of handling the ADR cases and
importance	the finalization of cases to revert to the applicants after the hearing of the case.
4. Source/collection of data	Electronic case management system report or excel spreadsheet and report will reflect the date received, the date of hearing and the date of finalizing of the case.
5. Method of calculation	The number of cases finalized in terms of ADR within 25 working days after the date of final hearing divided by the total number of cases set down for hearing multiplied by hundred. The total number of cases set down for hearing outside of the reporting period will not be counted including cases that were set down for hearing during the reporting period but were postponed allowing the parties to deal with the matter outside of the Tribunal mediation, conciliation and arbitration processes. The number of cases set down for hearing where the 25 working days for finalizing the case fall outside the reporting period will not be calculated. The number of cases finalized after the 25 working days after the date of final hearing will not be counted as percentage achieved but will be counted as total number of hearings set down for hearing.
6. Data limitations	Incorrect capturing of data
7. Type of indicator	Quantity – Output
8. Calculation type	Cumulative- it is calculated on quarterly bases to obtain an annual target.
9. Reporting cycle	Quarterly
10. New indicator	No
11. Desired performance	To retain the 100% baseline
12. Indicator	Manager: Registry
responsibility	

⁷ Finalised refers to instances where certificate of failed ADR has been issued, consent order issued of withdrawal of the matter by either party, settlement agreement reached by both parties or mediation report issued by the Tribunal Member(s)

Output 5:	
Case Management System (CM	S) user uptake
1. Indicator title	Percentage of applications received online
2. Short definition	Online application means application submitted by an applicant using
	the system. Total number of cases means number of application
	captured online.
3. Purpose/ importance	The CMS is intended to enhance CT's efficiency, effectiveness and to
	modernize the application system for the benefit of both CT and the
	public entity shows its effectiveness in.
4. Source/collection of data	Electronic case management system report
5. Method of calculation	Number of applications received online divided by the number of
	cases multiplied by hundred
6. Data limitations	Incorrect capturing of information
7. Type of indicator	Quantity – Output
8. Calculation type	Cumulative- it is calculated on quarterly bases to obtain an annual
	target.
9. Reporting cycle	Quarterly
10. New indicator	Yes
11. Desired performance	To start form a baseline of 50%
12. Indicator responsibility	Manager: Registry

Output 6:						
Research Report (Build	Research Report (Build a body of knowledge around company law and alternative dispute					
resolution)						
1. Indicator title	Number of research reports or rules produced and approved					
2. Short definition	CT should conduct research with other similar entities to develop rules for					
	adjudication and arbitration					
	Rules means a set of regulation or principles governing conduct or procedure					
	relating to arbitration or adjudication					
	Produced means approved by the Chairperson for internal use and circulated					
	internally on the shared folder					
3. Purpose/importance	To enhance CT approach on delivering on its mandate as a preferred					
	adjudicator					
4. Source/collection of	Filed research reports on shared drive					
data						
5. Method of	Manual counting					
calculation						
6. Data limitations	Human error					
7. Type of indicator	Quantity – Output					
8. Calculation type	Cumulative					
9. Reporting cycle	Quarterly					
10. New indicator	Yes					
11. Desired	To enhance CT's capacity to deliver on its mandate in terms of section 195					
performance	of the Companies Act, 2008					
12. Indicator	Researcher or manager assigned the functions					
responsibility						

Output 7:	
Retained staff	
1. Indicator title	Percentage of staff retained
2. Short definition	The percentage of staff that is retained
	Retained/ Retention means that the Tribunal has not lost staff as a result of
	resignations
3. Purpose/importance	To ensure that employees do not resign so that there is limited interruption in
	service delivery and institutional knowledge and investment in employee
	development is realized
4. Source/collection of	Resignation letters, salary reports and budget
data	
5. Method of	Total number of funded filled positions at the beginning of the year minus total
calculation	number of staff resigned during the year, divided by total number of funded
	filled positions at the beginning of the financial year, multiplied by hundred
6. Data limitations	Human error
7. Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output
8. Calculation type	Cumulative
9. Reporting cycle	Quarterly
10. New indicator	No
11. Desired	Continuous employment with the Companies Tribunal ensuring a low staff
performance	turnover rate
12. Indicator	Human Resources
responsibility	

Output 8:			
Stakeholder Engagements			
1. Indicator title	Number of seminars held hosted		
2. Short definition	Host a seminar on a research topic		
	Host means organize and present/ collaborate/ partner		
3. Purpose/importance	To create awareness and educate the public about services of CT and		
	promote a positive corporate image		
4. Source/collection of	Transcript of the seminar and/or attendance register		
data			
5. Method of	Seminar report and/or attendance register		
calculation			
6. Data limitations	Lack of resources (Human and Capital)		
7. Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output		
8. Calculation type	Cumulative		
9. Reporting cycle	Quarterly		
10. New indicator	No		
11. Desired	Public awareness, accessibility and stakeholder management		
performance			
12. Indicator	Manager: Communication and Marketing		
responsibility			

Out	Output 9:			
	Stakeholder Engagements			
1.	Indicator title	Number of media engagements		
		(media statements and radio activities)		
2.	Short definition	Release 2 media statements in newspapers to create awareness of the services provided by the CT to the public and stakeholders by end of the year Participate in two radio activities to create awareness and educate the public about services of the Companies Tribunal *Release means to publish in newspaper(s)or online media Activities means interviews/advertisement or live reads		
3.	Purpose/importance	To create awareness and educate the public about services of CT and promote a positive corporate image		
4.	Source/collection of	Media statements or advertorial		
	data	Shared drive		
		Radio clip or advertorial or letter from radio station confirming that the		
		interview or advert took place.		
5.	Method of	Manual counting of media statements or advertorials and radio clip or letters		
	calculation	from radio stations.		
6.	Data limitations	Lack of resources (Human and Capital)		
7.	Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output		
8.	Calculation type	Cumulative		
9.	Reporting cycle	Quarterly		
10.	New indicator	No, continuous from previous year		
11.	Desired	Public awareness, accessibility and stakeholder management		
	performance			
12.	Indicator	Manager Communication and Marketing		
	responsibility			

	Output 10:		
<u> </u>	Stakeholder Engagements		
1.	Indicator title	Number of participations in outreaches and/or exhibitions.	
2.	Short definition	Participation in eight (8) outreaches or exhibitions targeting stakeholders. The participation is to create awareness to the public and stakeholders of the services provided by the Companies Tribunal.	
		Participation means either sponsoring or presenting at an outreach exhibition or event of or /to a stakeholder	
		Stakeholder means any institution or organization which shares a common interest with the Companies Tribunal such as business people, judiciary, legal fraternity, youth and the academia	
3.	Purpose/importance	To create awareness and educate the public about services of CT and promote a positive corporate image	
4.	Source/collection of data	Outreach or exhibition reports	
5.	Method of calculation	Manual counting of the outreach or exhibition reports	
6.	Data limitations	Lack of resources (Human and Capital)	
7.	Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output	
8.	Calculation type	Cumulative	
9.	Reporting cycle	Quarterly	
10.	New indicator	No, continuous from previous year	
11.	Desired performance	Public awareness, accessibility and stakeholder management	
12.	Indicator responsibility	Manager: Communication and Marketing	